

REMARKS

This application was allowed without first Action on the merits.

Applicants amend the specification to, basically, at page 6 include language which is fairly identical to the language of claim 9 as filed and at page 8 include language which is fairly identical to claim 10 as filed so as to ensure correspondence between the specification and claims.

With respect to claim 2, Applicants believe that adding the language “the adjacent permanent segments” clarifies claim 2.

With respect to claim 3, the language “comprising four symmetric quarters” is added to more fully define the subject matter of claim 3. Support occurs at page 6, lines 15-22 and at page 7, lines 5-7 of the specification.

The rather minor change in claim 5 is made so that claim 5 agrees precisely with the specification at page 7, lines 8-10.

With respect to claim 8, it is believed that “a” is more proper than “said” given the language in claim 1.

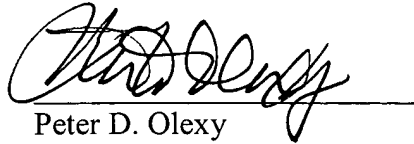
The change to claim 10 is just grammatical.

No new matter has been added.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312
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Entrance of all amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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